THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

WRIT PETITION NO.15382 of 1997

DATED: 14.02.2007

BETWEEN:

Maqbool Bin Syed and another. .. Petitioners

And

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Finance & Planning (P.W.PC.) Department,
Secretariat, Hyderabad and others. .. Respondents.

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ORDER:

The Petitioners herein, the Bill Collectors of Gram Panchayat, Atmakur, seek a direction that they be continued in services as Additional Bill Collectors.

The petitioners have approached this Court without invoking the jurisdiction of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal under the provisions of the Administrative Tribunals Act. As held by the Supreme Court in **L.CHANDRA KUMAR v. UNION OF INDIA**[1], the jurisdiction of Tribunal has to be invoked in the first instance before a person can approach this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Leaving it open to the petitioners to avail such other remedies as are available to them in law, the Writ Petition is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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(RAMESH RANGANATHAN,J)

14.02.2007
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[1] AIR 1997 SC 1125